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EXCISE&IT COLLECTION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether overall tax collections in the first half of current fiscal is lower than projected growth in excise and Income Tax collections;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any short fall in collections from major sectors cause the poor collection;

(d) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise;

(e) whether Ministry has any proposal for comprehensive Sector-wise assessment of the excise in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b): The overall increase in tax collections in respect of excise and direct taxes at the end of the first half of the current fiscal was 7.2% and 24.26% respectively as against the annual projected growth rate of 22.4% in respect of excise and 34.23% in respect of direct taxes. Separate growth rates for the first and second half of the current fiscal have not been projected by the Government.

(c)&(d): So far as direct taxes are concerned, the advance tax payments by the oil marketing companies in the first half of the current fiscal have been substantially lower than those in the corresponding period of last year. So far as excise duty is concerned, important commodities whose revenues have not grown at the required rate are petroleum products (except RD Oil), machinery, textiles, chemicals, plastics, cement, motor vehicles and tobacco products.

(e)&(f): Central Excise revenue collections are being monitored in totality as well as at sectoral tevel for different industrial sectors. Appropriate actions by way of intensified and focused audit/anti-evasion activities, immediate realization of unfettered arrears, speeding up finalization of cases pending before departmental officers, steps for faster decision in important cases pending before Tribunal/ Commissioners (Appeals) are being taken for augmenting Central Excise revenue collections in the current year.